

Midway Town

Incorporated 1 June 1891

Town Presidents

Alvah Alexander 1 Aug 1891

James B Wilson

John H Fortie

Attewall Wilson

August Kohler

Joseph Probst

William Huffaker

Wilford Van Wagoner

John N Carroll

Samuel Hair

Francis Probst

Earl Kohler

Alvin Kohler

Midway became 3rd Class City 3 Mar 1921

Mayors:

1st Wilburn Huffaker



The Midway Town Board of 1960 includes, seated, left to right, Reed Gertsch, Earl Kohler, president, Grace W. Sonderegger, secretary. Back row, Fay Van Wagoner, Eugene Probst and Leo Luke.

not established until 1893, and prior to that time, letters and news came through any available means from Provo and later Park City.

The early residents of Midway kept alive their family ties, and kept up to date on current news through the occasional riders that brought saddle bags of mail up from Provo. Descendants of some of the early Midway people have recounted tales of the anxious hours of waiting for the man on horseback to carry the mail up the rough trail through Provo Canyon, and of the great thrill of receiving mail.

Sidney H. Epperson, the presiding elder, once had a large crowd gather at his home as they waited for a newspaper to arrive reporting the outcome of the Sullivan-Kilrain championship boxing match that had been fought a month earlier on the Mississippi.

Many waited for news of events of the great Civil War, and tremblingly opened letters that told of their loved ones who were engaged in the conflict.

The mail that came by horseback through Provo Canyon usually had been carried across the continent by wagons following trails that began where rail lines ended. The co-op store operated by Bishop David Van Wagonen was a central meeting spot in the community, and soon became the location where people waited for the mails. So, when the post office was officially established in 1893 the Van Wagonen store was the logical post office and the proprietor the choice for postmaster.

Bishop Van Wagonen served as postmaster until 1897 when Mary